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BIRTHS.

On the 16th January, at No. 5, Wild Dell, the
wife of J. BAGHABIDE, of a son.On the 5th January, at Singapore, the wife of
Captain W. C. NICHOLSON, 3rd M.L.I., of a
daughter.

DEATH.

On the 11th January, at Shinkwan, Nanking,
Harry EDWIN MEADE, Messrs. Butterfield and
Swire's Agent, aged 27 years.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 17th January, 1903.

LAST week there appeared in our con-
temporary, the Mercury of Shanghai, an article
entitled "China deserves no pity." This
was suggested by the statements, telegraphed
via London, of the New York Post to the
effect that the United States Secretary of
State was strongly supporting China's
contention that 400,000 Haikwan taels
was all she could pay as indemnity to the
Powers without serious financial difficulties,
and that the United States intended to
accept payment on that basis. The
Mercury says that those who read the state-
ment will smile at China's contention and
points to the reports of the Empress
Dowager throwing millions away on theatrical
entertainments and unnecessary exten-
sions of her palaces. The Shanghai paper
continues:—"The Powers would be very
foolish were they to follow the lead of the
United States. China has committed
herself in such a brutal way, in butchering
innocent men, women, children and babes,
after committing on them unmentionable
atrocities, that she deserves no pity
whatever. . . . China is a criminal
and to treat her as a martyr is only to
encourage her to repeat the diabolical
deed she committed in 1900, which many
of her present high officials joined in and
are ready and willing to perpetrate again.
"China deserves no pity." We regret to
see a paper of the standing of the Shanghai
Mercury take up such a position, which iscontrary alike to humanitarian principles
and to commercial expediency—perhaps, in
the eyes of many, a sufficiently rare com-
bination. In the first place, those who
hold the views of the Mercury must lend
their approval to the policy of squeezing
the uttermost farthing possible out of the
Chinese, including the entirely innocent
inhabitants of the Southern provinces, in
order to compensate for the wrongs done
by the "Boxers" and their villainous
friends in the Imperial Court. The offend-
ers of 1900 are scarcely touched by the
levy of the enormous indemnity which
China is called upon to pay as the result of
the events of that year. In no way can it
be contended that the movement of 1900
was a "national" movement. Had Central
and Southern China joined with the North,
the outbreak would have produced far
different effects. Yet we are told to treat
China, the whole of China, as a criminal
and to extort all we can. Secondly,
it is only to be described as surprising
that any British journal appearing in
China should be found to advocate the
policy of insisting on a money indemnity
which threatens to check trade. Granted
that we have concluded an arrangement
with China by which she has bound herself
to pay a certain sum in the space of
forty years. At the same time she has
agreed to remove the principal obstacles
to commerce between herself and foreign
countries. It must be conceded that the
latter is by far the more important part of
the treaty. The fine which China was
forced to consent to is of relatively little
importance to any of the Powers which are
to share it; the promised commercial
facilities are of the utmost importance to
all but a few. To insist, therefore, on the
exact payment of the indemnity, while
allowing the fulfilment of the promises
with regard to trade to be delayed or evaded
is nothing short of suicidal. China indeed
deserves pity. Not only is she cursed with
blind or corrupt rulers, but also the foreign
nations with which she is brought into
contact are, for the most part, apparently
adopting an attitude which threatens to
ruin her without profiting them in the long
run. The struggles of the past half-century
and more in China have not been with a view
that the Powers might screw what money
they could out of China, but that they
might open China to their trade. Yet they
have been constantly put off with in-
demnities, while trade and intercourse
remain under most disastrous restrictions.
With regard to the present indemnity, it is
easy to say that "China has agreed to it."
Had she any alternative? And have not
circumstances changed since the treaty was
framed, to such an extent as to make the
indemnity far heavier than was even in-
tended, while the state of the currency
threatens to make it gradually heavier still?
It will be seen from REUTER'S telegram of
the 14th instant that Great Britain has
proposed a reduction in the instalments of
the indemnity by the prolongation of the
period of forty years in which the total is
at present payable. This seems a wise
suggestion, if it is coupled with a determina-
tion to enforce the other clauses of the treaty
between China and the Powers; for by these
clauses China, in spite of her rulers, will
have a chance of entering on the road to
prosperity. At the present she is most
heartily to be pitied.During the day ending at noon yesterday a
Chinese who had died of the plague was found
on the reclamation ground at Mongkok.The Peking University is in a bad way,
according to the P. & T. Times; the Japanese
professors and most of the students are resigning.The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donation to the funds
of the Hospitals:—

Taikoo Sports. \$143.

At Trieste the other day Herr Bocia, a
Trieste musician, in the presence of a jury of
musicians and journalists, played on the piano-
forte with two interruptions of ten minutes for
twenty-six hours in succession. All kinds of
pieces were performed. A medical examination
afterwards showed that the pianist's state of
health was quite normal—including, it is to be
presumed, his mental sanity, which is strange.By kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel
Birdwood and Officers, the band of the 10th
Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong
Hotel to-night from 8 to 9.30. Programme:—

March "Heroique," Schubert

Quadrille. "The Wedding," Strauss

Valse "Min Schoester Tag in Berlin," Geengle

Selection. "La Pou Le Czay," Glinka

Valse "Albertina," Rosate

Galop "Wings of Love," Meyer

"God Save the King."

In consequence of S. Peter's Church being
in the hands of the contractor for painting
and repairs the Church will not be open for
public worship to-morrow (Sunday). The
services will be held in the Sailors' Institute,
Kowloon, instead, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The
Mississi launch Dayspring will visit the ships
between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15
and 6 p.m. calling at the China Merchants
Wharf at 10.30 and 6 to convey friends to the
services.The Singapore Municipal Commission is
likely to have before it soon a scheme providing
that the Commissioners shall be given the
discretion of determining not only the manner
in which buildings may be erected in Singapore,
but also the nature of building to be so erected.
There seems to be at Singapore as well as at
Hongkong a constant encroachment of Asiatics
on the European residential districts.The *Piemonte*, the new Italian warship on the
China station, left Venice on the 23rd ult.,
under the command of Capt. Gasparo, and
reached Singapore on the 6th inst. She is a
third-class cruiser of 2,500 tons displacement,
12,000 h.p., and 32 guns. The *Piemonte* was
built at Elswick in 1888 at a cost of £220,000
and is a speedy craft, her engines driving her
at the rate of 21 knots an hour. Her nominal
coal supply is 560 tons and she carried a
complement of 325 officers and men.An Adelaide telegram of the 26th ult. says:—
"Reginald Rankin has ascended Aconcagua
alone and spent a night at the summit with
the result that his hands and feet have been
frost bitten." Mr. Reginald Rankin, J.P.,
D.L., M.A., his name appears in Who's Who,
is the eldest son of Sir James Rankin, M.P.,
and an Eton and Corpus, Oxford, man. He
served as Lieutenant in Rington's Scouts
and is known as a big game hunter, this being
one among many pursuits such as essay
and verse-writing, foxhunting, and gardening!
Aconcagua is a volcano in the Argentine
Republic, 22,860 feet high, and has already
been ascended twice to its summit, if we are
not mistaken. But Mr. Rankin is the first to
pass a night there.Conventions have been proposed from
Washington, says a *Shanghai Times* London
telegram of the 8th inst., whereby Great
Britain, France, Germany and the United
States shall enter into special arrangement
amending the postal union regulations by a
reduction of mailing charges on business
passing between those countries. The pro-
position originates at the Post Office Depart-
ment at Washington, and has been forwarded
by the State Department with the endorsement
that in view of the increasing commercial and
other correspondence between those countries,
the subject of reduced postage may profitably be
considered. The Department thinks a reduction
would furnish incentive to larger business.Writing under date Battambang, 16th
December, the *Siam Observer*'s special corre-
spondent says:—Work on the new barracks and
stables which were in course of erection was
suddenly stopped, I hear, about two months ago.
That these and the hospital at Battambang
should not be proceeded with is rather a good
sign. Early on the morning of the 22nd [?] inst.
five miles were sent across the river from
Chanthaboulo into the country in charge of three
Annamite soldiers. Three of the mules carried
long ammunition boxes on each side. Later on
a mounted party of twelve European soldiers
and eight Annamite soldiers followed. They
were absent the whole day, returning in the
evening looking very fatigued. They must have
been a considerable distance. The gunboat
Comète is lying at the mouth of the river.In the matter of decorations Sir William
Willecks, after his reward in connection with
the Nile dam, has now drawn level with his
young fighting brother, who was advanced to
the K.C.M.G. suddenly when he bore his way
into Kumasi two years ago. Sir William has
done well as a "dam" engineer, but his strong
point is irrigation, a subject upon which he is
now one of the soundest living authorities. He
always displayed a natural bent for this branch
of his profession, and he has made a monument
for himself by his work in Egypt. Sir William
is the author of *Egyptian Irrigation* and not
long ago he was sent on a special mission to
the Orange River to report on the possibilities
of a comprehensive scheme of irrigation for
that region. Sir William is five years older
than Sir James Willecks, but he does not
look it, possibly (a home paper suggests) because
he has always been dealing with water, while
the brother has had to do with fire!Knox, full back; Barnes, Pearce, Graham,
and Robertson, three-quarters; Padday, and
Jordan, halves; Halifax, Goldring, Wolfe,
Cooper, Chard, Boyd, Jameson, and Clark,
forwards.The following will play for the V.R.C.F.C.
at 4 p.m. to-day at Causeway Bay. v. "G" Co.,
Sherwood Foresters.—Hance, Horton, Craig, Ferguson, Henderson,
Wetherpoon, Saiti, J. Mitchell, Humphreys,
Holmes, and Siyari.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the
opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

9, Robinson Road,

Hongkong, 15th January.

SIR,—In your paper of 14th January,
on page 3, appears an article entitled, "A
Chinese Pacific Line," which asserts that I am
connected with the proposed steamship line
referred to in that article. I desire to state
that I am in no way connected with that
steamship line, nor have I ever been so connected.
My presence in Hongkong is in connection
with the affairs of the Chinese American
Commercial Co., of San Francisco, Cal., of which Company I am Vice-President
and General Manager for the Orient. I would
further state that the Chinese American
Commercial Co. is not in any way connected with
the matter of said steamship line. I trust,
Sir, that you will give due publicity to this
note, and thus remove an erroneous impression
from the minds of the many readers of your
excellent publication.—Yours, &c.The 7th Club race will be sailed to-morrow,
Sunday, over Course 24.

The 8th Club race which was fixed for the 1st

February is postponed to the 8th on account of
the Chinese New Year holidays.

The officers of the Royal Engineers have kindly

offered a Cup to the Club to be sailed for.

The race will probably take place on the 22nd
February. The course and conditions will be
published later.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 15th January, 9.20 p.m.

RUSSIA AND THE MANCHURIAN
CUSTOMS.A Laffan's telegram says that, notwithstanding
Chian's refusal to give her authority, Russia is constituting a Customs office at Dalny, with the intention of establishing similar stations throughout the railway district of Manchuria. The refusal, however, of assistance from Sir Robert Hart and the Chinese Imperial Customs is likely to handicap the scheme.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 14th January.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. Chamberlain and the leaders of the mining
community have agreed to a war contribution of £30,000,000, and furthermore have attracted a large number of guests. In spite of the inclemency of the weather the officers of the *Dia* still continue their Saturday afternoon garden parties in the Flora, which are always much appreciated.

AMAZONIUM.

The "Great Amazon" visited Macao on Saturday and Sunday last and gave performances in the *Cub Unidos* and theatre before good houses; his efforts as a ventriloquist and magician extraordinary were warmly appreciated and applauded by an enthusiastic audience.THE UNITED STATES AND THE
CHINESE INDEMNITY.

China has suggested to Washington that if

the Powers insist on a gold indemnity she

should be allowed to collect her customs dues in
gold. The United States reply that, China having agreed to a silver indemnity, she is unable to give her assent. Great Britain has proposed a reduction in the instalments by the prolongation of the period of forty years in which the total is at present payable.In spite of the attractions of Zamo n
and the band, we feel that there is something
badly wanting in the dramatic and musical
life, and considering the great success which
attended Mrs. Morhouse's concert of a few
weeks ago, we cannot help expressing the hope
that we may have the privilege and pleasure of
hearing a similar entertainment in the not very
distant future.

VISITORS.

The continuous rains and cold temperatures
have had a somewhat deterrent effect upon
visitors, and recently the hotels have not
suffered from overcrowding. In spite of its
many natural attractions, Macao is no pleasure
in bad weather than any other seaside resort, and
residents, visitors, and hotel-proprietors alike
long for a recurrence of the glorious weather
and sunny skies which marked the whole of last
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RUSSIA ON THE AMUR.

A Russian flotilla of 25 vessels has been
formed to protect the navigation of the Amurand the Ussuri against Chinese pirates, to watch
the Manchurian bank, and effect a speedy

mobilisation in the event of war.

CRICKET.

In the match to-day, commencing at 11.30

a.m., between H.K.C.C. "A"

shield competition approaches, and as the R.E. and A.O.D. played an obstinate draw on Thursday, five games still remain to be decided—"B." Company, S.F.; "E" Company, S.F.; "H" Co., S.F.; v. 80th Co., R.A.; V.R.C. v. 78th Co., R.A.; "G" Co., S.F., v. H.M.S. Argonaut; and the replayed tie. At the present moment it is impossible even to hazard a guess at the winner. Most of the teams are unknown quantities, and so they remain for some weeks. To-day Rugbyists take the field again, the match being Club v. scratch team. The Army should have formed the opposition, but for the second time this season they cried off. One of the warships in harbour will probably make up the "scratch" side.

The game on the polo ground to-day should be an interesting one, though I have not seen the names of the players who are to represent Hongkong and Kowloon. The 13th Bombay Infantry's band will be in attendance, and only a little geniality in the weather is required.

The announcement that a team of Fijian cricketers will visit England next summer is interesting. It is now over thirty years since the Australian Aboriginal Eleven came over, but many of their deeds are still remembered, notably Mullagh's staggering exhibition at Bramall Lane, Sheffield. A few years ago a team of Fijians was taken down to New Zealand by Mr. J. S. Udall, who was then Attorney-General at Suva, and these did very well. Physically the Fijians are a fine people, and a native who happens to be under six feet in height is regarded as a dwarf. Another favourable fact is that many of the young chiefs have of late years been educated in the big schools in Australia and New Zealand, and have in all cases taken keenly to the British national game.

The Vicerey's Cup at Calcutta on the 24th ult. of which full details has reached Hongkong by the mails was a great upset for the backers. *Vasto* the winner started at 4 to 1, but the wise few were before. The owner, Mr. Galstau, who is an Armenian, is credited with having made a nice little sum over the race. *Vasto* won by two lengths, the same distance separating *Cretone* and *Aetna*.

OMPAX.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 16th January, that Enquiry has fallen off somewhat during the week under review, and the transactions booked have not been very numerous. Rates generally however continue fairly steady, with an improving tendency in some directions.

HANKS—Hongkong and Shanghai have been booked at the advanced rate of \$875, and continue in request. London is unchanged at \$64. Nationals are wanted at \$24.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have sold at \$470, and a few more shares are probably obtainable at the rate. China Traders continue on offer at \$58, and Cantons at \$167. North Chinas are wanted at Ts. 177.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong, have changed ownership at the reduced rate of \$325. Chinas have sold at \$85 and \$85½, and are in further request at the higher rate.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are slightly easier with sales and sellers at \$372. Indo-Chinas have improved to \$87 buyers. China Manilas sold at \$26 and \$23, and are on offer at the lower quotation. Douglas after sales at \$35 are on the market at \$44. Star Ferries (old) have sold and are in further request at \$25; the new issue is obtainable at \$15. Shell Transports have been booked at £1 8s. 0d. and £1 8s. 6d., and are still enquired for.

REFINERIES—China Sugars have been booked at \$89 and \$90 cash and equivalent rates forward, and a further cash demand exists. Lutsons are on offer at \$24.

MINING.—Punjungs (old) and are in request at \$2. Raubs are wanted at \$7.

DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold in small lots at \$20½ and \$205, and more shares are obtainable at the lower rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been booked at \$91 to \$93 and close steady at the latter rate. New Amoy Docks are quiet at \$10.

LANDS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are unchanged with sales and further buyers at \$184. Kowloon Lands continue in request at \$3 ½. West Point can be obtained at \$36. Humphreys Estates have been booked at \$124 and \$1215 and continue in demand at \$12. Hongkong Hotels are somewhat better with sales at \$142. Oriento Hotels can be procured at \$35.

COTTON MILLS.—We have heard of no business under this head, and quotations are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Manila Investments are wanted at \$15. Green Island Cements are offering at \$21½ after sales at this rate and \$21½. A. S. Watsons have sold at \$141. Electric are steady at \$13 10/ (old) and \$65 (new). Dairy Farms are in some request at \$11. China Providents have declined to \$2½ sales and further sellers. Universals can be procured at \$2½.

MEMO.—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting to-morrow, the 17th instant. West Point Building Co., Ltd., Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., and Hongkong Land Rehabilitation Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meetings on the 26th instant.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

18th January, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. Matins (11 a.m.). Responses, Tallis; Venite, Tucke; Psalms, Burley; Folio and Bentinck; Te Deum, Perseus in F; Benedictus, Hopkins in C (1st M.); Hymns, 273 and 337; Kyrie, Gladys in C; Offertory Hymn, 390.

Evening (5:45 p.m.).

Responses, Tallis; Psalms, Stainer and Troutbeck; Magnificat, Turle in F (8th M.); Nunc Dimittis, Moult in A minor; Hymns, 169, 78, and 31; Vesper Hymn, Steane.

GOSPEL HALL.

6, Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.

Meetings are held as follows.—Sunday—Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday—Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m.

Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Saturday—Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 16th January.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THE BURGLARY AT THE D. OCEAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

(Continued.)

TO SUM UP.

- (1) An ordinance should be passed, at one sitting, making all debts in dollars recoverable in the new currency at the conversion rate.
- (2) The new currency, including the new Government notes, should be legal tender from the date of the proclamation, and the British and the Mexican dollars would remain legal tender at the conversion rate up to the date of demonitisation. This for a while convenience, and to avoid, as far as possible, a short supply of coin during the conversion period.
- (3) The present note issue, and the subsidiary coinage, excepting the copper, which would fit into the new currency, would have to be called in at the conversion rate, but no time limit need be imposed in their case.
- (4) A high limit, or no limit at all, should be fixed for the maximum legal tender in florins and Government notes. This would tend to minimise the drain on the gold reserve, and further, the more florins or other tokens going into circulation the greater the profit to Government.
- (5) The establishment charges of the Government, and to a less extent of the Municipalities, are now paid in gold; it is irrational to collect revenue in silver to meet expenditure in gold. An unknown liability is incurred.
- (6) A fixed currency will put the import trade on a sound basis.
- (7) A fixed currency will enable the Government, the Municipalities, and the great trading companies to borrow at considerably lower rates of interest than at present, and will therefore accelerate their development, and that of their trade.

HOW TO SECURE FIXITY.

We now turn to the second part of the question:—Is it possible to establish a gold standard, or fixity of exchange, at a cost which is not prohibitive, and if so, what form should the currency take?

There are several methods by which fixity, or approximate fixity, of exchange could be secured:

- (1) Stop the free coinage of British dollars, and demonetise the Mexican dollar, establish a gold reserve, and, in the same way as India has done with the rupee, force the value of the dollar up to 2½ or any other value which might appear convenient.
- (2) Throw overboard all dollars and adopt the Indian rupee.
- (3) Throw overboard all dollars, and adopt the British Sovereign, as unit with a decimal subsidiary (token) coinage.

No (1) is practically out of court, as it would entail either the co-operation of Hongkong, which is almost certainly unobtainable, or the minting of a new Straits dollar, of the same weight and fineness as the British dollar. The alternative would be dangerous, because, if the silver value of the new dollar even went higher than its nominal value every dollar would be swept out of the country.

No (2) has not been found to answer in Ceylon owing to the restriction of the Indian currency, and for the same reason would be very undesirable here, where the demand for currency is continually on the increase.

DECIMAL COINAGE, BASED ON THE SOVEREIGN.

There remains No. 3, in favour of which stand, to begin with, the arguments that a decimal coinage based on the Sovereign will, sooner or later, almost certainly replace the British coinage, and that this method is equally practicable whatever rate of exchange may be fixed for conversion.

Such a currency would fit the requirements of the Colony and the F.M.S., admirably, entailing as it does practically no difference in system from the existing currency.

Taking the dollar at 1½ the comparison between the suggested currency and that now existing would be as follows:—

£1 = 10 Florins = \$12
'1 = 1 " = 1.20
'01 = .1 " = .12
'001 = .01 " = .012

Subsidiary multiples on the direct decimals, on the same system as at present, could be coined as found convenient.

The Florin (2/- or £1) would naturally take

the place of the dollar, in fact the token coinage, for all practical purposes, would exactly fill the place of the existing currency with the minimum amount of disturbance. Prices would readily adjust themselves, and all the conveniences of a 2½ dollar would be obtained without saddling the Government with an enormous loss, without running the risk attendant on fixing artificially the value of a silver coin and without necessitating a permanent restriction of currency.

HOW TO BRING IT ABOUT.

Assuming that such a form of currency, simple, and easily understood by the native, there being no change in the system from that existing, is adopted, we have now to consider how the change can be brought about with the minimum of loss both to the Government and to individuals.

The cost of effecting the change depends on the number of dollars which the Government would have to take up on conversion. It is almost impossible to estimate what this would amount to because (1) the number of dollars in circulation cannot be ascertained with any approach to accuracy, owing to the constant and unknown withdrawals to China, Siam, etc., and (2) because it would be impossible to entirely prevent speculative shipments, which will inevitably be made if it appears probable that the conversion rate will be higher than the silver value of the dollar.

The most feasible method appears to be the following:—

- (1) On certain date the Government, having prepared a large supply of new notes of various denominations, including notes for one florin each, should issue a proclamation simultaneously all over the Colony and the F.M.S., demonetising the British and Mexican dollars as from another date, say five months ahead. For six months from the date of the proclamation these dollars would be received at the Treasury, at all Government offices where taxes are payable, and at such other places as may be found convenient (arrangements could doubtless be made with the Banks), and Notes in the new currency given in exchange at the conversion rate, which should be approximately the rate of the day of issue of the proclamation, or very slightly over that rate. Thus supposing the conversion rate were 1½, everyone bringing twelve dollars to the Treasury would receive ten florins or one pound. If the conversion rate were 1½, twelve dollars would purchase nine florins.

During the period of conversion local monetary transactions would have to be conducted to a great extent in paper currency, and especially in military circles. Secretaries of State's decision to refuse the presence of Generals Chaffee and Smith and others at Manila is exceedingly unpopular. Public sentiment is now more with the Army than at any time since the close of hostilities.

- (2) From the date of the proclamation the importation of dollars would be prohibited, shipments already afloat and contracts already entered into excepted. The Banks and others being required to furnish declarations of contracts, the bona fides of shipments would be proved by date of bills of lading.

The most audit appears to be the following:—

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

The following is the report of the general agents to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's office, Victoria Buildings, at 11.45 a.m., on the 26th January:—

The net profits for the year ending 31st December, 1902, including \$8,305.04 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, amount to \$732,640.76. From this amount an interim dividend of \$6 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of 12 per cent, per annum on the capital, and after writing off directors' and auditors' fees there remains a balance of \$51,707.26 to be carried forward to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. A. Hampf and Mr. H. P. White having resigned their seats, Mr. C. Michel and Mr. J. H. Lewis were invited to join the board in their place, and this now requires confirmation. Messrs. N. A. Siebs and D. M. Moses now retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDIT.

In the absence of Mr. F. Henderson, the accounts have been audited by Mr. T. Arnold in conjunction with Mr. J. C. Peter, who now retire but offer themselves for re-election.

C. W. DICKSON, Chairman.

Hongkong, 12th January.

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AN UNPLEASANT CHRISTMAS.

SIAM'S RICE CROP.

We take the following from the *Straits Times* of the 6th inst.:—The dismissal of the charge against the two Americans, Messrs. Hopkins and Grossmeyer, and the comment by the Magistrate, Mr. Brockman, that their arrest was seemingly due to an unfortunate mistake, was a happy termination to one of the most miserable Christmas holidays that any pair of American globe-trotters ever experienced in this "Purple Orient." The episode is one which demonstrates the uncertain ways of luck. Here were two young men of adventurous spirit, and with every capacity for enjoying a holiday. They have plenty of money of their own to carry on with, but they are expecting a remittance on a personal account from a friend that wants them to make some purchases in the past. In Hongkong, the manager of the Hotel finds he has \$450 for W. Hopkins and lends it to the men on the steamer. The money belonged to another and entirely different W. Hopkins, so the manager communicates with the police. The police telegraph to Singapore, and the two globe-trotters are arrested the moment the ship arrives here. Now note their luck. It is Xmas Day—a Bank holiday. The next day is also a holiday, and the next again is a half holiday, being Saturday. Three days go by before they can even get their Comis. He has to procure them a lawyer, Mr. E. F. H. Edlin, and he has to find some way of identifying them and then of procuring bail. Meanwhile pending communications with America by wire—the lawyer was able to procure for them some amelioration of their lot in jail; because it is part of our jail system to give an unconvicted man in misfortune treatment which is in many respects harsher than that extended to convicts. So, on the whole, the two young men had ample time to feel down on their luck. It was, as the Hongkong Hotel manager learned, and Mr. Brockman stated from the bench, an unfortunate mistake; and one for which the manager and the tourists feel equally sorry; but they can scarcely attribute the unhappy episode to the peculiar inefficiencies of Britain's system of Colonial administration. The incident was one of a nature more common in the United States than hereabout.

IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.

The Saigon rice crop was estimated, on the 18th instant, at thirty per cent. below the average yield, owing to drought.

In Burma the Government estimate of the quantity of rice available for export next year is 1,360,000 tons of cargo rice, or 240,000 tons less than the estimate of last year, and 300,000 tons less than the actual exports of this year are likely to amount to. This estimate is larger than was generally expected, looking to the damage caused by the drought in October and November, and to the general unfavourable weather experienced during the season, and many think it will have to be reduced next month when the average weight of a basket of paddy will have been ascertained, a very important factor in making up an estimate. At the same time, the Govt. export figures have been so reliable for many years that it is perhaps safer to accept the above as probably correct. At the middle of this month the Rangoon paddy market was practically not open, only a few boatloads coming in daily.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 17th instant, will be for SPOONS, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Range 200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven Shots and a Sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [110]

HONGKONG DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL.

THE SECOND ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL to be given by the Choirs of St. John's Cathedral and St. Peter's Church, will be held on TUESDAY, 20th inst., at 5 p.m., in S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Festival Music will consist of Mendelssohn's "LAUDA SION" and "HEAR MY PRAYER," and Sullivan's Evening Hymn "O GLAD SOME LIGHT" from "THE GOLDEN LEGEND."

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ALFRED CUNNINGHAM,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [283]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th of JANUARY to the 7th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [281]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1903, at 12.15 o'clock, P.M. or so soon as the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting to be held at 12 o'clock Noon on that day shall be concluded, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed. Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

(a) In Article (79) the word "nine" shall be substituted for the word "seven."

(b) In Article (88) the words "nine thousand" shall be substituted for the words "seven thousand."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [282]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready, and contains—

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Launch of the Kinshin.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [284]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 21st JANUARY, at 4.30 P.M., at KENNEDY'S STABLES, CAUSEWAY BAY.

A number of HORSES AND CHINA PONIES (including some of this year's Subscription Griffins).

TERMS:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [287]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 24th JANUARY, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, Ice House Street,

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [148]

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [258]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

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THURSDAY, the 22nd JANUARY, 1903, commencing at 2.30 P.M. sharp, at his Residence "SPERANZA" (West of the Plantation Road trans. station).

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [273]

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K. NAKASHIMA,
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Extreme Length... 525 feet.
Length on Blocks... 513..."

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
the Company will be held at the OFFICES of
the Company, 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria,
THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 17th
JANUARY, 1903, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts
and the Report of the General Managers for
the year ending 31st December, 1902, declaring
a Dividend and electing a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 15th, to
SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY, 1903, both
days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [197]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES,
Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the
26th JANUARY, 1903, at 11.45 o'clock A.M.,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from SATUR-
DAY, the 17th JANUARY, MONDAY,
the 26th JANUARY (both days inclusive),
during which period no Transfer of Shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency
Company, Limited.

General Agents for
The West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [192]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company
will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES,
Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th
JANUARY, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from SATUR-
DAY, the 17th JANUARY, to MONDAY,
the 26th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during
which period no Transfer of Shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [193]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-
TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE,
Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th
JANUARY, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts for the period ending 31st December,
1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY,
the 19th January to MONDAY, the 26th
January (both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [247]

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at
the Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Company, held at the Company's Office,
No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hong-
kong, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1903,
the following Resolution was passed:-

"That in pursuance of the Special Resolution
passed on the 11th day of November, 1902, and confirmed on the
27th day of November, 1902, a Call of
Fifty Cents per Share be made upon all
holders of Ordinary Shares in the
above Company, and the same is
hereby made. Such Call to be paid to
the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, at their Premises,
Queen's Road Central, Victoria,
Hongkong, on or before the 9th day
of February, 1903."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that in
accordance with Article 24 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest at the rate of
SID per centum per Annum will be charged
upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th
day of February, 1903, up to the actual date
of payment of the same."

Shareholders are requested to note that upon
presentation at the Office of the Company of
the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call,
and surrender of existing Certificates of the
Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Certi-
ficates will be issued bearing an endorsement
of the payment of the said Call."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [175]

CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS are
warranted to cure, in either sex, all acquired or
constitutional Discharges from the Urinary
Organs, Gravel, and Pains in the Back. Free
from Mercury. Established upwards of 30
years. In Boxes 4s. 6d. each, of all Chemists,
and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the
World. PROPRIETORS, THE LINCOLN AND MID-
LAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln,
England. [54]

GRACA & CO. Importers and Exporters
of Foreign and Colonial POSTAGE
STAMPS, 53, Peel Street, Hongkong, have
just received for sale at their stall at Hongkong
Hotel Corridor a large variety of nice Pictorial
Post Card Albums, Pictorial Post Cards,
Panoramas of Hongkong, Macao, Canton,
Chinese Costumes, Views, &c., &c., in Photocopy
and Coloured Colotype. Assortment of Postage
Stamp-Albums, Lenses, Hinges, Tweezers and
other Philatelic goods. Prices to suit all
Customers. Correspondents wanted. Foreign
orders promptly attended to. Cash with order
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CHRIS OF ALL-SORTS.

BY S. BARING GOULD,
Author of "Melmoth," "John Herring," &c.

CHAPTER V.
BETWEEN CUP AND LIP.

I have now to tell you: come, come, give me
your hand,

Ah! my good lord, I grove at what I speak,
And am right sorry to repeat what follows.

—Henry VIII, Act V., Sc. 2.

Captain Sir Roger Fenton did not speak
much to Mr. Gallop, the lawyer who accompanied
him, whilst they were in the train. Unable
to leave Barnsford before two o'clock, he
managed to catch the corridor express at Exeter
and arrived in town at eight. He had wired to
the housekeeper at his chambers in Ormeiro Place,
and dinner awaited him and Mr. Gallop.

He had been very silent on the way, taken up
with his own thoughts which were of a mixed
description. To come into fine estate, with a
noble residence and a title, was enough to make
any man elate; but on the other hand he had
one with the misfortune to be attached to him, one
to whom he was sincerely attached.

Perhaps he had been unduly severe, as what
had occurred, that occasioned the rupture was
pure accident, but he had desired to impress on
her the strictness of his views of feminine re-
tention, and he had been intensely irritated at the
way in which her adventure had been talked
about. That however, the rupture was so seri-
ous as to be final, he did not suppose. He was
convinced that Christine was fond of him. He
knew that her situation, as dependent on a sel-
fish and exacting man, was trying, and the
position he offered her was not one a girl so
placed was likely to reject, in a fit of ill-humour.

He was dissatisfied with himself. He had
been too peremptory with her. She should have
been sympathised with, not reproached. But
she had angered him by the way in which at the
first token that he was about to remonstrate with
her, she had fallen on him with fixed bayonet.

What had taken place in the billiard-room
had been this. He had met Mr. Paste, who in
his tasteless manner had button-holed him and said:

"I think that Mrs. Davenham enjoyed
herself famously yesterday. We had a rare day
on Firmdale, and she was well squired, too.
Tom Bates was most attentive. You could not
have a more so. We left them towards the
end of the day. But I saw them both this
morning sitting in the veranda of the
Hunter's Moon. Nice little inn that, sang
they all retreat, I offered my escort, but they
declined, and when I drew nearer later in the day,
they gave me the go-by, ha, ha!"

To which he had replied haughtily: "Miss
Lavalline chooses her own escort, and
objects to persons forcing themselves on her
uninvited."

The look he had given Mr. Paste had checked
for that impertinence, but next moment a
gentleman standing by the window had thrown
up the sash, and shouted: "Here they come!"

It was not much that I do know. You are
aware that Sir John and I never sit off together.
He did not attend Church, and dis-
couraged his servants doing so. He never
asked me to the house, and acceded me only a
stiff bow when we chanced to meet. However,
when he was ill, I went to the doctor and asked
to see him, but Tien man, the butler, told me
that Sir John had given instructions that I was
not to be admitted. As soon as I knew by report
that he was dead, I went again, and found
the lady and her lawyer in possession. They
are making all necessary arrangements for the
funeral."

"What sort of a person is she?" asked the
Captain.

"I should say—hardly a lady. But I am
not able to speak with any confidence. She said
very few words, the lawyer took everything
upon himself, and spoke for her. Now—what
will you do? Go on, remain here? It would
hardly be seemly to have a dispute in the house
whilst the corpse is there. On the other side, it
is not right to suffer these people to occupy
the Court and manage everything unless they
can show that they have a right to do so. Now you see the force of my telegraphic
recommendation."

"Yes," said Mr. Gallop. "I can manage
that for Captain Fenton. Let him remain here
and enjoy your hospitality, and I will go to
the house, and see the lady's solicitor. I will
require him to authenticate her claim—and
there need be no fuss nor scene."

Fenton acquiesced. He was greatly dejected
by what he had heard.

"Look here," continued the Rector. "Treneman
is as I believe, thoroughly honest and
dependable. I had a few words with him last
night. He intimated that he knew more of
this matter than did anyone else, and I am
sure would be glad to see you and communicate
it to you."

"That is true. I had not considered this."

"Probably that is what was meant by your
friend, and expressed in his telegram. Graham
and Scott will have your uncle's will."

"I am very sorry if I have given you un-
necessary trouble."

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections, commencing from Green Island, Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are numbered, nearest Hongkong 1, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf k.w., together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & BIG	BIRTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	BALLAARAT	Brit. str.	—	F. Summers	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON	ANTONOR	Brit. str.	—	C. F. Lockstone, R.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, &c.	CANTON	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst., at 5 P.M.
LONDON	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th February.
LONDON	PROMETHEUS	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th February.
LONDON	DIOGED	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd March.
LIVERPOOL	TYDEUS	Brit. str.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst.
LIVERPOOL	DARDANUS	Jap. str.	—	F. Davies	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th February.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP V. SPORE, &c.	BINGO MARU	Fren. str.	—	Remy	MESSENGERIES MARITIMES	On 24th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP V. SPORE, &c.	CALEDONIAN	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Vale	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th Feb., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES & ANTWERP	TAMIA MARU	Brit. str.	—	G. Danneumann	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th February.
HAMBURG, via PORTS OF CALL	PYRHUS	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. W. Ekstrand	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	PRINZESS IRENE	Ger. str.	—	A. W. Davies	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th inst.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	NUERNBERG	Ger. str.	—	K. Kori	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd February.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	—	H. Fraser	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th February.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	WURZBURG	Ger. str.	—	D. Morris	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th February.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	C. FERD. LAEIZ	Ger. str.	—	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th March.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	BAMBIERU	Ger. str.	—	von Doehren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th March.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Aus. str.	—	Ghezzo	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 20th inst., P.M.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	SILENA	Aus. str.	—	Brodfield	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 27th inst., P.M.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	TIROL	Aus. str.	—	DODWELL & CO. LTD.	DODWELL & CO. LTD.	About 23rd inst.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	HINDUSTAN	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Ekstrand	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On or about 10th February.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	INDRADEO	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Moses	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 15th February.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	GIBRALTAR	Brit. str.	—	C. F. Lockstone, R.N.E.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th February, at Noon.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	EMPERORS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Vale	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th February.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	OLYMPIA	Brit. str.	—	DODWELL & CO. LTD.	DODWELL & CO. LTD.	Today.
TRISTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	PAKLING	Brit. str.	—	J. Truebridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst.
TRISTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Ekstrand	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. C. Craven	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 25th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAJUAN	Brit. str.	—	W. B. Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSTRALIAN	Brit. str.	—	Helms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 5th February, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	—	Androvich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day, P.M.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	FORMOSA	Brit. str.	—	B. H. W. Snow	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 27th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	MAITI	Brit. str.	—	C. L. W. Field	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On or about 1st February.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	TSINAN	Brit. str.	—	K. Kori	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	KAGOSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Trent	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.N.E.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	COR-MANDEL	Brit. str.	—	T. Ogata	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On or about 17th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	MAIDZURO MARU	Jap. str.	—	I. Goto	DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & CO.	On 21st inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—	Hodgins	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	HAICHING	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	KUIMIANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	KAIPOUNG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Tate	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2 st. inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 30th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ZAPERO	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. Young	P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-day, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	C. R. Longden, R.N.E.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On or about 24th inst.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	SUISANG	Brit. str.	—	J. Naga	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	PEKIN	Brit. str.	—			
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, &c.	HIROSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—			

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.	THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
Jan. 16, ARIAKE MARU, Jap. str. 2,987, T. Tasaka, Kuchinotzu 11th January, Coal.	STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.
Jan. 16, BALAARAT, British str., 2,860, F. R. Summers, R.N.R. Shanghai 13th Jan. Mills and General. — P. & O. S. N. Co.	PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
Jan. 16, IRENE, Chinese steamer 1,200, Boyd Shenzhou 12th Jan., General. — CHINESE.	THE Steamship
Jan. 16, KWANGEE, Chinese str. from Canton.	"BALLAARAT," Captain F. Summers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 17th January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.
Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.	Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.	For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 5th January, 1903.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.	16th January.
Hakka Matto, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.	
Hengpo, British str., for Swatow.	
Prado, Norwegian str., for Hoihow.	
Rabi, British str., for Manila.	
Thales, British str., for Swatow.	
Yamaguchi Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.	

DEPARTURES.

16th January.	HONGKONG, 5th January, 1903.
IIOKATA MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.	
HANGGAO, British str., for Shanghai.	
KERSAINT, French gunboat, for Canton.	
KINGSHIANG, British str., for Canton.	
PAKTO, British str., for Shanghai.	
PHU, British str., for Manila.	
THALES, British str., for Coast Ports.	
YAMAGUCHI MARU, Jap. str., for Yokohama.	

VESSELS IN DOCK.

16th January.	HONGKONG DOCKS.—Dreadnought, Herman Monell.
KUAI-LOON DOCKS.—H.M.S. Vestal, Choufu, Kuan-hai, Yen-chang, Kai-ting, H. G. M., Iris, Cosmopolitan Dock.—Brandt, Triton.	Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

HONGKONG, 5th January, 1903.	HONGKONG, 5th January, 1903.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HONGKONG, 5th January, 1903.	HONGKONG, 5th January, 1903.

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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
JOINT SERVICES.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRHUS"	On 16th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWO"	On 3rd February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 11th February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 20th January.
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 6th February.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
LONDON	"DIOMED"	On 3rd March.

LIVERPOOL	BERTH	TO SAIL
LIVERPOOL	(Taking Cargo at London Rates)	On 24th January.
LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 20th February.

MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"PYRHUS"	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES	"PYRHUS"	On 20th February.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST POINTS, via	"PAKLING"	On 24th January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA		

The S.S. "PYRHUS" left Singapore on the 11th inst., and is expected here on the 16th inst.

The S.S. "ANTENOR" left Shanghai on the 15th inst., a.m., via Foochow, and is due here on the 19th inst.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW and SHANGHAI	* "KUIKLIANG"	On 18th January.
MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	* "TSINAN"	On 19th January.
MANILA	* "TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BEIS, BANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	* § "TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.
CEBU and ILLOILO	* "KAIFONG"	On 21st January.
MANILA	* "SUNGKUANG"	On 21st January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table, A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

+ Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

+ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

See Special Advertisement.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

HONGKONG-MANILA.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW and SHANGHAI	* "KUIKLIANG"	On 18th January.
MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	* "TSINAN"	On 19th January.
MANILA	* "TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BEIS, BANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	* § "TAIYUAN"	On 20th January.
CEBU and ILLOILO	* "KAIFONG"	On 21st January.
MANILA	* "SUNGKUANG"	On 21st January.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.

Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 25th inst.

(Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [2]

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOE	SAILING DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila Direct.	On 23rd Jan., at Noon.
RUBLI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct.	On 30th Jan., at Noon.
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Notley		
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 18th.
AND AMOY	T. OGATA	January.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 25th.
AND AMOY	T. W. GROVES	January.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW	"MAIDZURU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 21st.
AND AMOY	T. SAMO	January.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 28th.
AND AMOY	I. Goto	January.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon, at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Rd. Central.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

NEXT SAILINGS.

"TAIYUAN" ... leaves on 20th January.

"TSINAN" ... " 16th February.

"CHANGSHA" ... " 7th March.

"CHINGTU" ... " 4th April.

Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of Ice and Provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE AGENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

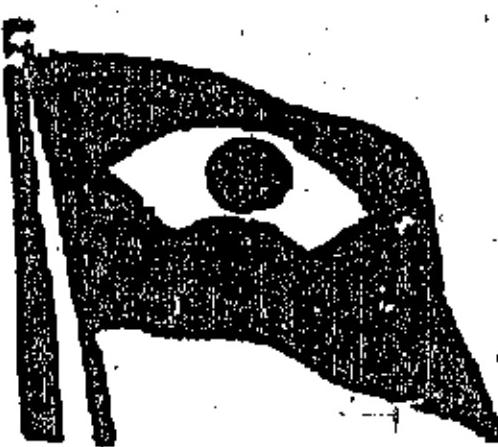
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

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General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.



TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

(ORENTAL S.S. CO.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN

HONGKONG AND MANILA IN

48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods are being landed at

their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,

whence delivery may be obtained.

This Steamer brought Cargo from Trieste

ex China.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless

notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be

sent in to the Office of the Unders

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Crommelin*, with the English Mail of the 19th ult., left Singapore on Monday, the 12th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 17th November.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	FROM	DATE
Canton	Hankow	Saturday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Saigon	Hankow	Saturday, 17th, 8.00 A.M.
Huikow and Haiphong	Prato	Saturday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma	Olympia	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Sussex	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin.		Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 10.55 to 11.15 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.		Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Extra Postage 10 cents)		Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.

HONGKONG, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

Macao

Shanghai

Nantou

Kunashik and Sanshui

Moji

Swatow and Shanghai

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow

Swatow and Shanghai

Yokohama and Kobe

Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui

Moji, Kobe and Yokohama

Manila

Straits and Rangoon

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne

Singapore, Penang and Colombo

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin. (Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)

FOR	FROM	DATE
Baliurau	Hainan	Saturday, 17th, 7.30 A.M.
Doric	Prato	Saturday, 17th, 8.00 A.M.
	China	Saturday, 17th, 9.00 A.M.
	Power Co., Ltd.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	China Prov. & Co.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Cigar Company	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Philippines	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Portuguese	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	China	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Gas	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hongkong Electric	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	H. H. L. Framways	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	H. H. L. Framways	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hongkong Hotel	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	H. & C. Ward & Co.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hongkong Hoopoe	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	H. & W. Doca	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hausdorff	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Caution	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	China Fao	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	China Traders	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hongkong Fao	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Strata	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Union	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Yangtze	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Land and Building	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hongkong Land Inv.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Hungryman's Estate	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Kowloon Land & B.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	West Penny Building	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Luzon Sugar	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Manila Lavor. Co. Ltd.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Charbonnages	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Jeju	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Rampon	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Do. Fraterence	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Katus	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	New Army Dock	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Oriente Hotel, Manila	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Powell, Ltd.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Steamship Coys.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	China and Manila	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Douglas Steamship	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	H. Canton and M.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Indo-China S. N.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Joint Transport and Trading Co.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	China and Manila	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
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	Star Ferry	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Lebara Planting Co.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	United Asbestos Co.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Watkins, Ltd. A. S.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
	Wilson & Co., A. S.	Saturday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.

Princess Irene...

Taiyuan

Canton

Singapore

Manila

Cebu and Illoilo

Manila

Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland (Or)

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.

TO-DAY.

Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Spouse Competition, Hongkong Rifle Association, 2.30 p.m.

Sale, Clothing, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Meeting, Mercantile Marine Officers, Hongkong Telegraph Office, 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

16th January.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1.61

Bank Bills, on demand 1.81

Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1.71

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 1.71

Credits, at 4 months sight 1.71

Documentary Bills, 3 months sight 1.71

ON PARIS.— Park Bills, on demand 108

Credits, at 4 months sight 202

ON GERMANY.— On demand 1614

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 381

Credit, 60 days' sight 384

ON BELGIUM.— Telegraphic Transfer 1171

Bank, on demand 1172

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 1173

Bank, on demand 1173

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight 72

Private, 30 days sight 724

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 761

ON MANILA.— On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON BATAVIA.— On demand 941

ON PHILIPPO.— On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.— On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON KANAK.— On demand 632

ON VERGONA, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.62

12 LEAF, 100 per tael \$66.10

B SILVER, per oz. 22.1

OPUAT.

16th January.

Quotations are— Allow no net to 1 cent.

Malwa New \$10.00 to \$10.30 per picul

Malwa Old \$104.00 to \$106.00

Malwa Older \$107.00 to \$108.00

P. F. per-wraped to —

Persian fine quality 750

Persian extra fine to —

Patna New \$101.50 to — per cwt.

Patna Old — to — "

Benzara New \$1000 to — "

Repara Oil — to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Crommelin* left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., at 6 a.m., and is due here to-day, at about 5 p.m.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Lorraine*, from Cullutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., p.m., and is expected here to-day.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on the 15th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where it is due to arrive at 3 a.m. to-day.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinzess Irene* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th inst., p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic* left San Francisco on the 3rd inst.

The T.K.K. steamer *America Maru* left San Francisco on the 10th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The O.S.S. steamer *Archibald* left Singapore on the 11th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The P. & A. steamer *Indraire* left Moji on the 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The P. & A. steamer *Princess Irene* left London, Col-Serps, Bartons and Harrison Maesas, J. T. Hartfield and D. J. Finlayson.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 16th January.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Banks— Hongkong & Sh. \$125. 675, buyers 1.00, sellers 1.00.

Natl. Bank of China A. Shares 21. 24, buyers 24, sellers 24.

Foun. Shares 21. 24, buyers 24, sellers 24.

Bell's Asbestos E. A. 21. 30, buyers 30, sellers 30.

Campbell, Alfred & Co. 21. 30, buyers 30, sellers 30.

China Borneo Co. 21. 30, buyers 30, sellers 30.

China Liguo and Power Co., Ltd. 21. 30, buyers 30, sellers 30.

China Prov. D. & M. 21. 30, buyers 30, sellers 30.